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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. OSCAR CLYATT REMAINS KEENLY INTERESTED IN A MOSCOW TOUR FOLLOWING HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT IN LENINGRAD, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL END IN JUNE 1978. AS WE SEE IT, HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO OPENINGS IN E/C IN 1978 WHICH ARE NOT ALREADY COVERED, AND THE CHANCES OF PLACING CLYATT IN POL SEEM TENUOUS AT BEST. WE GATHER THAT PARKER AND HERSPRING ARE SLATED TO REPLACE BELOUSOVITCH AND PRESEL. MCNAMARA, WHO DEPARTS IN THE SUMMER OF 1978, PRESUMABLY WILL BE REPLACED BY AN FSO-4. THERE MAY BE ONE OPENING IN POL/INT THAT SUMMER, IF FORD'S REPLACEMENT DOES NOT EXTEND FOR A YEAR. DICK COMBS CAN DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU DURING CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

2. RE SAFARYAN AND SADARYAN CASES: WE ARE HAVING REPEATED TO YOU GENEVA 3164 WHICH BRINGS US THE GOOD NEWS THAT THE GENEVA MISSION (I.E., CHARLIE STEIN) HAS ARRANGED FOR THE AUSTRIANS TO RECEIVE OUR TWO FORLORN ARMENIANS PENDING WHATEVER OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR THEM. IN THE CASE OF SAFARYAN, WE SUGGEST YOU BRIEF HIS WIFE,
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(MRS. SEDA SAFARYAN, 1517 NORTH HOBARD, APT. #2, LOS ANGELES, CALIF 90027, TELEPHONE NO. NOT AVAILABLE), ON THE OPTIONS--THAT IS, WHEN SHE BECOMES A PERMANENT RESIDENT (PRESUMABLY TWO YEARS FOLLOWING HER ARRIVAL IN US), SHE MAY APPLY FOR A SECTION 212(H) WAIVER ON HIS BEHALF. THE OTHER OPTION IS FOR HER AND CHILDREN TO JOIN HIM IN WHATEVER THIRD COUNTRY IS FOUND FOR HIM TO SETTLE IN.

3. SO FAR AS CONCERNS THE SADARYAN CASE, WE THINK THE ONLY OPTION IS FOR FAMILY, NOW IN US, TO JOIN HIM IN A THIRD COUNTRY. WE THINK THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH CHANCE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD FIND HIS CPSU MEMBERSHIP INVOLUNTARY, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR SOUNDING OUT VO IN THE EVENT YOU THINK HE HAS A CHANCE.

4. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CLARIFICATION THAT PAN AM HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO APPROVE EXTRA SECTIONS FOR AEROFLOT. ANOTHER QUESTION WHICH WE HAVE IS WHETHER PAN AM UNILATERALLY COULD REMOVE ITS TICKETING RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE NOVEMBER CAB ORDER OR IS USG CONCURRENCE NEEDED? IS USG POSITION STILL THAT REMOVAL OF THESE RESTRICTIONS MUST BE CONFIRMED IN FORM OF EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES CLARIFYING THAT ARTICLE 14 OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT APPLIES TO INDIRECT AS WELL AS DIRECT SERVICES?

5. WE WOULD PREFER AN EXPERIENCED MD FROM THE MILITARY TO REPLACE TOM JOHNSON. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, THEN AN EXPERIENCED MD FROM STATE WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE, IF IT IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT UNOFFICIAL AMERICANS AND THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS. WE REGARD IT AS ESSENTIAL THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM CONTINUE. THERE MAY OR MAY NOT BE A PROBLEM USING A STATE DOCTOR. TOM JOHNSON AND TOM TRACY UNDERSTAND THAT DEFENSE HAS LEGISLATION PROTECTING MILITARY DOCTORS FROM MALPRACTICE SUITS, WHICH STATE LACKS. TOM JOHNSON HAS THE IMPRESSION, BUT HAS SEEN NOTHING IN WRITING, THAT

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THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A VERY RECENT CHANGE IN STATE'S LEGAL SITUATION AND/OR POLICY. TOM TRACY IS UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGE. THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE RESOLVED QUICKLY BECAUSE IT HAS A FUNDAMENTAL BEARING ON THE FINAL DECISION.

6. ALTHOUGH DOD SUPPLIED SOME EQUIPMENT TO THE CLINIC OVER THE YEARS, WE DO NOT THINK THEY WOULD REMOVE IT. ASIDE FROM THE DOCTOR'S SALARY, OTHER EXPENSES ARE PAID BY FUNDS GENERATED LOCALLY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NURSE'S SALARY, SUPPLIES AND MEDICINE ARE PURCHASED WITH MONEY PAID BY NON-OFFICIAL PATIENTS. BECAUSE THE BRITISH SUPPLY MEDICAL COVERAGE TO US DURING VACATION PERIODS AND ALTERNATE WEEKENDS, WE WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE TO TREAT THEIR PATIENTS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS TO INSURE FULL TIME COVERAGE. IF A STATE DOCTOR IS ASSIGNED, THE MILITARY SHOULD BE ASKED TO SUPPLY A REPLACEMENT IN A YEAR OR SO. THE SLOT, OF COURSE, COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE USED FOR A NON-MEDICAL MILITARY ATTACHE IN THE INTERIM.

7. AMBASSADOR IS WILLING TO SEND PERSONAL LETTER TO SECRETARY BROWN, WHOM HE KNOWS PERSONALLY, IF THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PRYING EXPERIENCED MD OUT OF AIR FORCE. TOON

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